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Dear Josh:

Your many friends at Yale have been wanting for a long time to get you to pay us a visit and spend a few days with us. I am writing informally to ask if you would do us the honor of coming sometime next academic year to deliver a series of Silliman Lectures and to use that occasion to spend a week or so in our midst. If you are willing to consider doing this, Reuben Holden, the Secretary of Yale, will write you a long and impressive formal invitation. The reason for my writing now is to assure you that the real reason for the invitation is to get you back in our midst and to enjoy some scientific gossip with you.

You probably know that the Silliman Lectureship is one of the highest honors that Yale can pay to a visiting scientist, but it does involve some formalities. You would be asked to give a series of lectures on a topic of your own choosing, averaging about four in past experience. Also, there is usually a formal arrangement concerning the publication of the lectures by the Yale University Press. I believe that a formal letter from Ben Holden would mention a fee of \$3,000, with all kinds of details involving the publication schedule etc. At this point, however, I only wish to urge you to consider coming to give the Silliman Lectures, and to give me a go-ahead to ask Ben Holden to write you the formal invitation.

If, when you've seen the formal invitation, you feel that you can't commit yourself to a publication arrangement or to staying the usual ten days to two weeks in New Haven, let me hasten to say that we would love to have you on any terms whatsoever - come for only a few days, give only one or two lectures, - whatever you like I'm sure can be arranged.

The only consideration regarding the schedule of such a visit is that Jacob Bronowski will give a separate set of Silliman Lectures during the period October 24 through November 9. Since we would just as soon not have competition going on between two simultaneous Silliman Lecturers, we only ask that you pick a series of dates other than those already scheduled for Dr. Bronowski.

It is hard for me to believe that I haven't seen you in almost ten years. I think the last time I saw you was about 1958, or at the latest 1959 - in any case, it's been much too long.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ed', written in dark ink.

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